

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07040.0246

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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**Claudio LACAGNINA et al.**     )  
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Application No.: **10/565,632**     )  
                            ) Group Art Unit: 1733  
Filed: **June 30, 2006**         )  
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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS**     )  
    **FOR PRODUCING TYRES**         )  
    **FOR VEHICLE WHEELS**         )  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08. A copy of the listed foreign document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and is in a non-English language:

1. WO 00/03867

An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.

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This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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